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January 15, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Wildlife Land Acquisition and Proposed Boundary Modification
Sault Ste. Marie Management Unit – Chippewa County
The Don Cargo Tract
Land Transaction Case #20070161

Purchase Price: 147 acres - \$175,000.00

Description: Chippewa County, Raber Township, T43N, R03E, Section 29: All that part
of the N ½ of N ½ lying North and East of Gogomain Road.

Seller: Don Cargo, Ortonville, Michigan

Option Expires: March 3, 2008

Stipulation: Seller agrees:

- (1) to sale of the above premises at \$175,000.00, however, said premises may have a monetary worth in excess of that amount, in which case any value in excess thereof is considered to be a gift to the State of Michigan; and
- (2) to transfer the right to make two divisions under Sec. 108 of the Land Division Act, Act 288, Public Acts of 1967, as amended.

Property Taxes: The property was assessed as part of a larger tract and taxes for 2007 were estimated to be \$2,760.00.

Authority: Part 5 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department) January 28, 2008 Calendar and is eligible for approval on February 4, 2008.

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Comments:

The 147-acre ownership is located in eastern Chippewa County, approximately one-half mile north of Raber, within the Sault Ste. Marie Management Unit.

The offered parcel is vacant and contains 147 acres with 700 feet of frontage on Raber Bay. The property exhibits generally-level topography with a preponderance of poorly-drained soil types. Forest cover consists of lowland conifers, with cedar predominating, and some northern hardwoods on better-drained locations. Access is provided by frontage along Gogomain Road, a county-maintained road along the southwesterly boundary of the tract. The property adjoins 624 acres of State-owned land, purchased for deeryard purposes in early 2005, along the parcel's northern boundary.

This parcel is located within the Gogomain Deer Yard complex and is used by migrating deer from adjacent agricultural and forested areas in eastern Chippewa and southeastern Mackinac Counties. The tract represents another in a series of acquisitions in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower Peninsula, intended to protect the "winter-complex habitat" used by deer during the winter season. Such parcels offer the opportunity for deer to have food and shelter in close proximity in order to enhance winter survival.

Acquisition of this tract will contribute to the Department's goals of consolidating State ownership, limiting land fragmentation, securing wildlife corridors, enhancing forest and wildlife management potential, and increasing public recreational opportunities in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The purchase will include any mineral rights owned by the seller.

- Recommendations: (1) That this tract be approved for purchase with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Winter Deer Habitat Initiative, as approved in Act 153, Public Acts of 2006.
- (2) That the boundary of the Sault Ste. Marie Management Unit be modified as noted following completion of the purchase.

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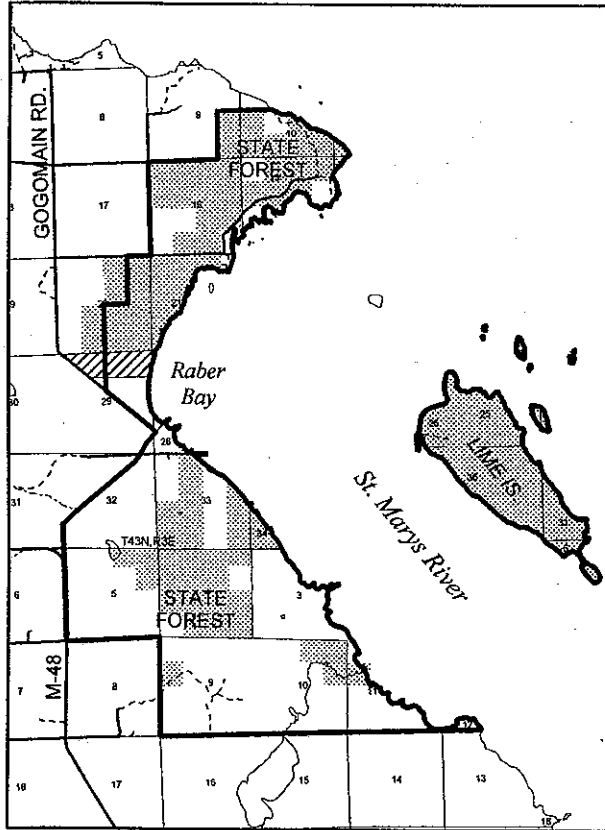
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Chief Deputy

I approve the staff recommendations.

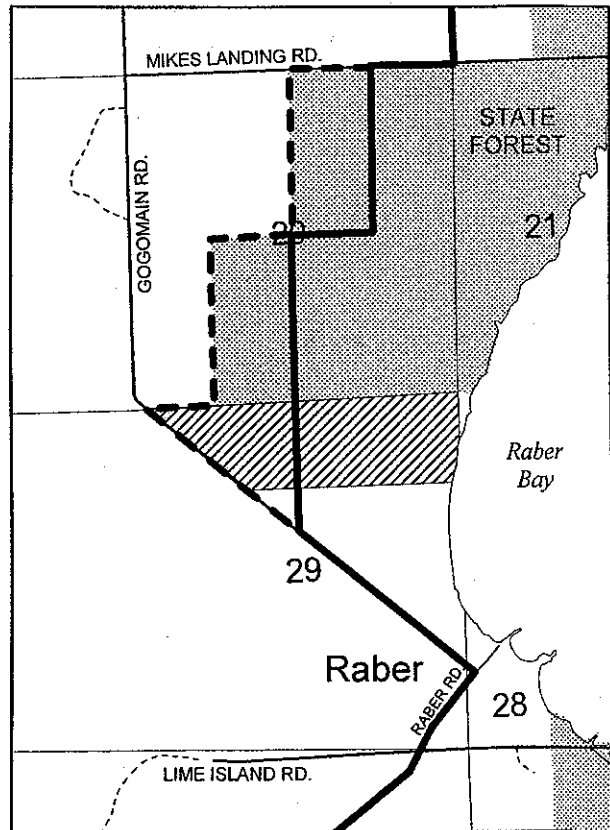
Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

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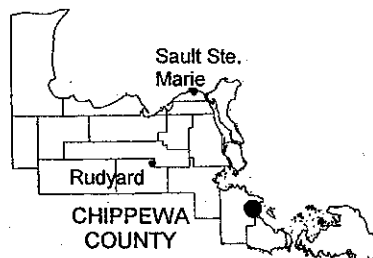


Regional Location



Section 29, T43N, R03E, Raber Township

- State Forest Boundary
- Proposed Boundary Modification
- Land Offered to DNR (147.00 acres - \$175,000.00)
- State Land
- Private Land



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